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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
OLEG STENZEL, ET AL. : EXAMINER: HANOR, SERENA L.  
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RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed October 18, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-13 drawn to a precipitated silica and a process for preparing said precipitated silica.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Groups II and III, Claims 14-20, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.